

DEATHS (Continued from Page 3)

ERNEST BRADSHAW
Ernest Bradshaw age 86 of Elba, Ala. died Monday, August 21, 2006 at his residence.

Funeral services were held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, August 24, 2006 beginning at 2:00 PM with Rev. Billy Reed, and Rev. Clifford Quincy officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Visitation will be held at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday evening, August 23, 2006 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The Bradshaw family request instead of flowers that memorial contributions be made to Daysprings Hospice c/o P.O. Box 311246, Enterprise, Alabama 36331.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Margaret Ann Bradshaw of Elba; son, Eric M. (wife Deborah Lynn) Bradshaw of Elba; grandson, Eric M. Bradshaw, Jr. of Pensacola, FL; step grandsons, Brian Goodgame of Jacksonville, FL

and Paul Fontenot of Huntsville, AL; step granddaughters, Jamie Goodgame of Pell City, AL; great-great-grandchildren Robert Bradshaw of Mobile, AL; Shelby Fontenot and Austin Fontenot of Huntsville, Hudson Hughes and Casey Hughes of Pell City, AL and Peyton Goodgame of Jacksonville; one brother, Marvin Bradshaw of Elba; one sister, Grace Lawford of Elba; three special nephews, Eddie Bradshaw and Jerry Bradshaw, both of Elba, and Charles Bradshaw of Phenix City, AL. Mr. Bradshaw is also survived by numerous other nieces and nephews.

DEACON OZIE B. TUBBS
Deacon Ozie B. Tubbs died August 16, 2006 in the South East Medical Center, Dothan. Services were held at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Elba with Rev. Rubin McKinnon, pastor, officiating. Interment was held at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Elba, with Goodgame of Jacksonville, FL

Coleman Funeral Services directing. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Diane Tubbs; a son, Marcieus Deyon Brown; a daughter, Ms. Martina Lovelace and five grandchildren, Greg and Keyosha Patterson, Marcieus D. III, Martacious Brown, and Ozie A. Tubbs; four sisters, Betty Burks, Caaton, Ohio, Viola Tubbs, Jacksonville, FL, Deborah Johnson, Alfreda Parker (Paul), Lake Wales, FL, three brothers, James (Sharon) Burks, Bobby (Mary) Burks, and Madison (Shelly) Dubois; two uncles, Haven Tubbs Wilson Owens and a very special sister-in-law, Mrs. Gal Green.

FIRE

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areas and hitting areas that not this program."

During Monday evening ceremony, one member of the fire department shared a success story resulting from the installation of the smoke alarms.

Firefighter David Leverett said his parents home burned a few months ago, but those inside the home at the time of the fire were alerted by the smoke alarms. Leverett said when he arrived on scene ahead of other department members, he could hear the smoke alarms sounding among the students.

"We're making every effort to do what's best for our students," he said. "We're going to have high goals, and we're going to make sure the students abide by the policies. In the end, I hope this will help them become better citizens."

Students wear, not just in Elba issue. More importantly, he said it has become a safety issue, especially at the high school level.

According to the new dress code at Elba, shirt tails hanging below the bottom of the opening of the pant pocket are required to be tucked. Weeks said this is something most schools are doing.

"We hope the public will help us with this," Weeks said. "We've set our goals high and want to be an example for others."

The superintendent said lots

To benefit Elba Playground Giant auction set for Sept. 9th

A giant auction is set for Saturday morning, Sept. 9, at the Elba Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue in Elba.

Buyers may preview items at 8 a.m. and the auction will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 12 noon. Concessions will be available.

The proceeds from the auction will be used to help fund the new playground to be built on the site of the Old Elba High School in downtown Elba during the week of September 20-24. Items available for purchase will include antiques, collectibles, small appliances, furniture, knick-knacks and much more.

To donate items for the auction, drop them off at the Elba Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue during regular business hours. (No clothes or shoes.) For item pick up, call Lynn Baker at 897-2813 or Laura C. Terrell at 897-2088.

Auction organizers are excited about several items that have already been donated including a collection of old Elba's (Elba High School yearbooks), several hand-made items from the scraps from the old Dorsey Trailer plant in Elba, a framed Jack DeLoney print, a grandfather clock, and an antique sewing machine.

Auctioneer Roger Bothe, (AL state license number 1516), a longtime resident of Elba, said he is looking forward to again working with the people of Elba and the surrounding communities to raise money for this worthwhile project.

Everyone is invited to come out and take a look at the merchandise available at this auction. For additional information about the new playground visit the website www.elbaalabama.net/playground.



Jaileigh Burch danced in recital with Montgomery dance group

Jaileigh Burch, a student of Lisa's Dance Dimensions of Millbrook, Alabama performed in a dance recital at Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery.

Elba Elementary Menu

August 28- September 1, 2006	
BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Breakfast Bagel, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Mon. - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Corn, English Peas, Crackers, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Tuesday - Pancake, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tues. - Cheeseburger, Oven Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Chocolate Cake, Milk
Wednesday - Pop-Tart, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wed. - Burrito w/Cheese, Frico, Green Salad, Salsa, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit/Jelly, Sausage, Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thurs. - Hamburger Helper, Green Beans, Buttered Carrots, Crackers, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Fri. - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cmbread, 1/2 Apple, Milk

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Kenneth N. Grantham, President, Elba Country Club, have made application of the City of Elba for a 032 Club Liquor Class II 160 Special Retail more than 90 days on premises consumption at this location, 2600 Taylor Mill Road, Elba, Alabama. A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall at 5:30 p.m., Monday, September 11, 2006.

Bridal Registry
Elizabeth Strong & Taylor Powell
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Kimberly Jordan & Warren Giles
Shower Date: 8/6 Wedding: 9/2
Bonnie Vaughan & James Halpin
Shower Date: 9/4 Wedding: 10/16
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During Elba City Council meeting

Proposed budget for FY2007 reviewed

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Monday evening, Aug. 28, the Elba City Council members got their first look at the proposed city budget for the new fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2006.

Mayor James Grimes presented the document and urged council members to review it, ask questions if necessary, but please be ready to pass a budget early in September.

The bottom line - \$170,775 lower than the existing budget. Grimes pointed out the major items being adjusted downward.

Elba Police Chief and wife recovering from accident

Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey and his wife, Tina, continue this week to recover from injuries sustained during a recent motorcycle accident.

Chief Hanchey and his wife were traveling by motorcycle Saturday evening, Aug. 19, in Montgomery when they had a rather serious accident. They were transported from the scene to Jackson Hospital for treatment.

Chief Hanchey said he sustained an ankle injury and mostly road rash. His wife, however, sustained more serious injuries. He said she suffered mostly head and facial trauma.

He also noted his ankle was not broken as earlier feared. Instead, he said it is just a very bad sprain.

During Chief Hanchey's absence from the office, the other members of the Elba Police Department are working together to handle necessary departmental details.

Coffee County Commission recognizes CCWA board members

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Aug. 28, the Coffee County Commission recognized board members from the Coffee County Water Authority and thanked them for their dedicated service to the people of Coffee County.

Commission Chairman, Ernest Brooks read aloud a resolution recognizing the water authority board members as being responsible for the planning and design of the rural water system. He said these members gave of their own time and showed a dedication to

serving the citizens of the county.

Brooks said the resolution further expresses the gratitude of the Coffee County Commission to the board members for their selfless service and dedication while recognizing the outstanding work they have done for Coffee County.

The Coffee County Water Authority was established in 1999.

Of those being recognized by the Commission, seven were present for the Monday morning meeting. They included: Charles Lott (chairman), Loftin Martin, Austin Mixon, Hayward Meeks, Mack Westbrook, Dale Moseley and Mix Andrews.

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Area Happenings

ELBA TIGER FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS who rent reserved seats for the home games are reminded of the deadline Thursday, Aug. 31 (TODAY), to secure their seating. After this date, seats will be rented to the general public.

THE 2006 FOOTBALL SEASON begins Friday, Sept. 1, with all area teams in action. The Elba Tigers will travel to Brantley to take on the Bulldogs, the Zion Chapel Rebels will host the New Brockton Gamecocks and the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Geneva County. Kickoff for all games is 7 p.m.

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They include \$116,000 in airport grant funds, a drop of \$16,000 in the telephone franchise fees, and a \$25,000 reduction in annual SE Al Gas District funds. Police fines are anticipated to be down by \$10,000, as well as an additional \$20,000 drop in "other" police funds. Gasoline tax (26) is steady at \$50,000 while the gas excise tax is expected to increase by \$5,000 to \$40,000.

The telephone fee drop happened during the current year after the phone company found they had been overpaying the City of Elba for many years...

...due to including fees on rural phone lines as well as those within the city.

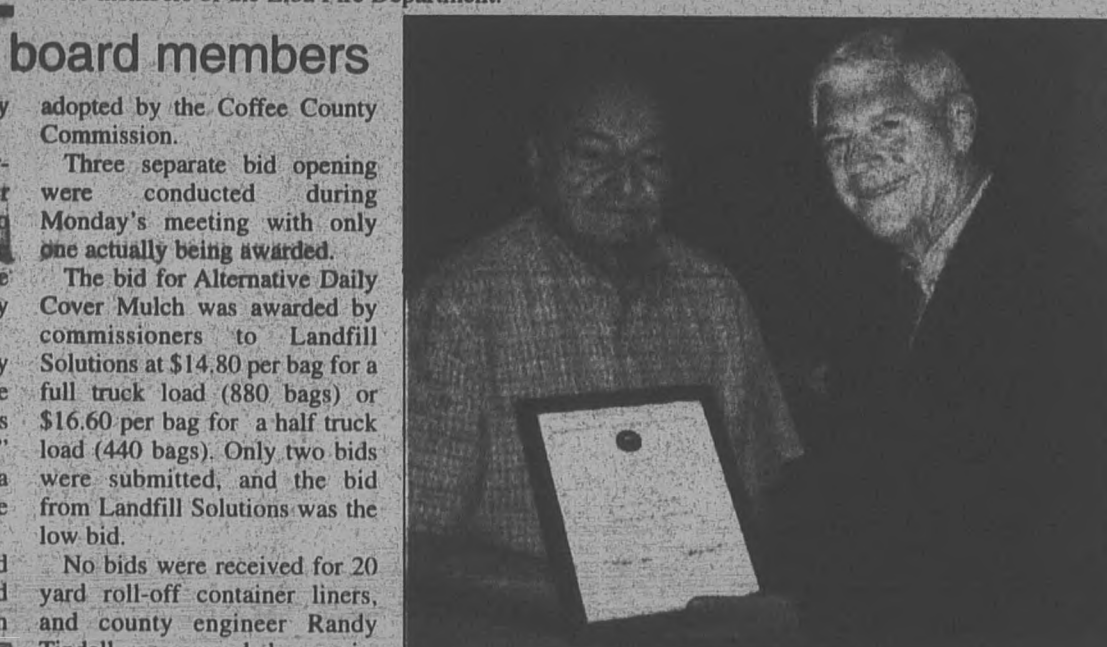
Interestingly, sales taxes, gasoline tax, property taxes, garbage fees and sewer fees all remained steady. Also the alcohol tax is estimated to continue bringing in \$50,000 a year in tax revenue.

Tobacco taxes are expected to climb from \$60,000 a year to \$65,000.

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EMERGENCY PERSONNEL RESPONDED Thursday, Aug. 24, at approximately 4:56 p.m., to the scene of a two-vehicle accident on Claxton Avenue in Elba at Evergreen Cemetery. A 2004 Honda Civic driven by JoAnn Marie Santos, age 48, of Enterprise was traveling on Hwy. 189 (Claxton Ave.) toward Elba as a 1997 Ford Explorer driven by Adam Leland Henderson, age 17, of Elba was exiting Evergreen Cemetery. According to the accident report, Henderson failed to yield right-of-way to Santos thus resulting in the collision. The report also indicated that Henderson said his vision was obscured by a fence. Both individuals were transported by Coffee County EMS to Elba General Hospital for evaluation and treatment. Each driver was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, and the air bag properly deployed on the Honda Civic driven by Henderson. The accident was investigated by Elba Police Officer Robert LaVoie with assistance from Officer Michael Adkison. Also responding to the scene were members of the Elba Fire Department.



Commissioner Robert Stephens receives his award from ACCA's Immediate Past President Stanley Bateman.

C.C. Commissioner Robert Stephens honored by ACCA for years of service

Coffee County Commissioner Robert Stephens was honored by the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama for his 20 years of service in county government and to the state of Alabama.

Stephens was honored with the Tenure in Office Award from the Association on Thursday, Aug. 24, during the Association's 78th Annual Convention.

"Commissioner Stephens deserves the thanks of all Alabamians for his dedication to public service and his personal sacrifice," said ACCA President Rhondel Rhone. "Considering the challenges, county commissioners face every day, Commissioner Stephens proudly serves his constituency well, and he deserves a pat on the back from everyone in his county."

"The Tenure in Office Award is presented annually by the Association to honor commissioners who have demonstrated exceptional service to the state of Alabama."

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NOTICE
The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day.

Due to the holiday, a special deadline will be in effect for the Thursday, Sept. 7, paper. All Church and Social News will be due Friday, Sept. 8, by Noon. All other news and advertising is due by Noon on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

To Serve and Protect: Meet the Elba Police

Falisha A. Bilal joined the Elba Police Department eight years ago as a dispatcher.

She said she chose this particular career, "because I enjoy meeting and helping people."

During her eight years of service to the department, Bilal has constantly worked to improve her skills as a communications officer. She has received specialized advanced training in E-911 Power Phone and Emergency Medical and A/C/N/CIC.

When asked about her most memorable experience since joining the department, Bilal quickly reflects back to the beginning. She said it has to be the Elba flood of 1998 which she worked after only two weeks of employment.

Falisha is married to Abdel Bilal, and they have two sons, Rashad and Ahmad Bilal.

Outside of the office, she said she enjoys reading, shopping and spending time with her family.

Dispatcher Falisha Bilal

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Fern Cox

There was a recent political story out of France with an unusual twist. The Socialist presidential candidate, a woman by the name of Segolene Royal, was pictured on the front page of a tabloid newspaper, in a turquoise bikini. This is a 53-year-old woman, already at an age where women, especially politicians, shy away from the bikini. Her opponent, Nicolas Sarkozy, the conservative party candidate, is not being left behind as she is also . . . well spending some time at the beach with lots of photo ops. The two have been charitably described as "modern politicians ready to breathe life into France's hidebound political system." Also they both have not surprisingly faced charges they place style and image over substance. So what is so new about that in politics?

As we approach the annual Labor Day weekend it is time Americans traditionally pause to salute the successful labors of the working man . . . or "person." Now comes the Ayn Rand Institute . . . a think tank in Irvine, California with a different outlook on the matter. They contend we should be saluting the power of man's mind to reason, invent and create, rather than manual labor. . . . Most of today's intellectuals, influenced by several generations of Marxist political philosophy, still believe that wealth is created by sheer physical toil. But the high standard of living we enjoy today is not due to our muscular and physical stamina. Many animals have been much stronger. We owe our relative affluence not to muscle power, but to brain power. . . . They have a point on stronger animals in this world but in our observation brains are a virtual total waste unless a lot of working people are willing to put some muscle power behind those bright ideas.

The National Association of Manufacturers' annual Labor Day Report came out with astonishing news earlier this week. They spent an untold amount of money to "discover" and report that soaring energy costs are hurting manufacturing workers at the pump and in their paychecks. By the way, the expert conclusion on this problem was, "It illustrates the need for energy reform to become a national priority." Now just how long would any readers of The Elba Clipper have to research that subject before reaching the same conclusion?

Ernesto just scared Americans, apparently failing to become the destructive, killer hurricane to match other storms of recent years. At this writing it is in the Gulf, headed for South Florida as a Tropical Storm but still packing lots of rain and some fairly high winds. As it skirts up the East Coast of Florida there should be prayers all around for the safety of those in the areas of heavy rains and potential flooding.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one for breaking and entering a motor vehicle; five for theft of property, one for harassment, one for criminal trespassing, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for a gas drive off, one for accidental damage, one for domestic violence and one for driving under the influence. The following arrests were made: one for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one for breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, three for theft of property, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for not wearing a seat belt, one for not using a child restraint, one for no driver's license and one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, AUG. 21 - Routine activity.

TUESDAY, AUG. 22 - Minor wreck reported in the parking lot of the high school (3:04 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23 - Routine activity.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24 - Subject with a gun reported on Hwy. 84 E. (7:20 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Avenue at Evergreen

Cemetery (4:58 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Claxton Ave. (4:58 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on Claxton Ave. (4:58 p.m.); Prowler reported at 1550 Reese Ave. (11:48 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUG. 25 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6530 County Rd. 228 (1:19 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 123 Dunham St. (9:15 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 710 Kennedy Estates (10:14 p.m.); Wreck reported on Farris (10:57 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUG. 26 - Assault reported at 611 Jackson (4:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 458 County Rd. 137 (2:13 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at the American Legion building on the Troy Hwy. (9:49 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUG. 27 - Domestic disturbance reported at 1641 Claxton Ave. (1:01 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck near 18049 Hwy. 125 (9:30 a.m.); Fight in progress reported on Claxton Ave. at Mr. Henry's (6:23 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 538 Smith Ave. (9:02 p.m.).

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Elba Chamber of Commerce presents...The Business of the Month
The Southeast Alabama Gas District

The Southeast Alabama Gas District, recently named Elba's Business of the Month by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is facing the future with optimism on the heels of a change in leadership as well as a succession of recent industrial announcements within the company's service delivery area.

J. Gregory (Greg) Henderson is the new President and CEO for The Southeast Alabama Gas District. He is no stranger to the company, having worked with SEAGD as Director of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer for the past eight years. Henderson was selected unanimously by the Board of Directors after a nationwide search of candidates.

Henderson brings 20 years of

experience in the electric

hours. (No clothes or shoes.) For item pick up, call Lynn Baker at 897-3813 or Laura C. Terrell at 897-2088.

Auctioneer Roger Boothe, (AL state license number 1516), a longtime resident of Elba, said he is looking forward to again

working with the people of Elba and the surrounding communities to raise money for this worthwhile project.

For additional information about the new playground visit: www.elbaalabama.net/playground.

SEAGD is a graduate of Auburn University and holds a Certified Public Accountant designation. "Working with Jim has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. He is well-respected throughout the utility industry, in our community and among our employees. It's an honor to be chosen to replace a leader of such stature, and it will be my challenge to serve SEAGD as well as he has."

In addition to the company's

Commissioners agreed to be the agent for the grant with the stipulation that it be at no cost to the county and that it will not interfere with any other grants involving the county. Stephens said this particular grant has not yet been applied for by the interested party.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, Sept. 11, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Survivors include one son: Eric (Joanne) Coone, Daleville; one daughter: Carol (Roderick) Faulk, Dothan, Samuel (wife Vikki) Faulk, Montgomery, Ala.; her grandchildren: Craig Faulk, Shea (husband Terry) White; her great-grandchildren: Beverly Cooper and Dustin White; a step-granddaughter: Kristina White; her sisters-in-law: Jean Shute and Margarette Shute; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law: Wamon (wife Lilla) Faulk and Bernice Rice.

MACK DANIEL WATSON - Mr. Mack Daniel Watson, age 6, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Aug. 28, 2006 at Elba General Hospital in Elba, Ala.

Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel

on Friday, Sept. 1, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Hubert McWaters officiating. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday, Aug. 31, from 6-8 p.m.

Mr. Watson was preceded in death by his mother, Ollie Watson; father, John Daniel Watson; and sister, Carolyn Corder.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Diane Watson of Elba and several nieces & nephews.

HUBERT D. OWENS - Mr. Hubert D. Owens, age 74, of Jack, Ala., died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006 at his home.

Graveside services were held on Aug. 29, 2006 at Wise Mill Assembly of God Church Cemetery, Jack, with Rev. Kenneth Haglar officiating and Skeen Funeral Home, Troy, directing.

Mr. Owens was preceded in death by his parents, Pursey V.

Owens and Ethel Davis Owens; and his wife, Evelyn K. Owens. He is survived by a son: Greg (wife Michelle) Owens, Millbrook, Ala.; a daughter: and son-in-law, Janice (husband Richard) Wilson, Troy; grandchildren: Patrick Mahoney, Troy, Shane and Amy Owens, Millbrook; two brothers, Dick Owens, Birmingham, Ala.; Jimmie Owens, Jack; two sisters: Minnie (Sis) Wambles, Jack, Aland Nell Whitehead, Columbus, Ga.

The family requests that memorials be made to: Lighthouse Hospice of Troy, 413 Brundidge St., Troy, Ala. 36081.

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The Needle In The Haystack

Christopher Columbus looked for it, but couldn't find it. Five years later John Cabot looked for it. He couldn't find it either. Nor, over the next four hundred years, could Jacques Cartier, Martin Frobisher, Henry Hudson, Sir John Franklin, or many others. All these explorers were searching for a passage to the Orient. With the exception of Columbus, all believed there was a Northwest Passage over or through America.

As a result of the elusiveness of the Northwest Passage, explorers opened vast areas of North America to European settlement. For example, in 1609 Henry Hudson attempted to find the passage for the third time. The voyage led to the founding of New Netherland, a Dutch colony in what is now New York State. Commanding the Half Moon, Hudson left Amsterdam in April 1609. Having twice failed to find a route to the west, he intended to search for an eastward passage over Europe. However, after encountering Arctic weather conditions near Scandinavia, he turned back and began his third attempt to find a westward passage. Hudson traveled as far south as the Outer Banks of North Carolina

New Netherland Project With funding provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the New York State Library, the Holland Society is transcribing and publishing primary documents from the New Netherland colony. This web resource offers a virtual tour of the towns that made up New Netherland, together with maps, drawings and information about their history. Web Address: <http://www.nyspl.org/home/Hudson/index.html>

This resource provides an extensive biography of the explorer written by Ian Chadwick, a Canadian journalist and broadcaster. Details of Hudson's early life, his three voyages, his ancestors, and his contemporaries who influenced him are included. Chadwick also includes a timeline of late sixteenth and early seventeenth century events that helps place Hudson's voyages in the context of contemporary society. Web Address: <http://www.ianchadwick.com/hudson/index.html>

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Obituaries

GLADYS JEWEL SPURLIN Mrs. Gladys Jewel Spurlin, age 90, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006, at her home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Aug. 24, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Stanley Carter officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Wiregrass Hospice of Enterprise or to the Elba United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband: Edward Foy Spurlin; her son: Dick Spurlin; and her grandson: Rick Spurlin, all of Elba.

LOUISE COONE Ms. Louise Coone, age 73, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006, at her home.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 22, 2006 at Shady Grove Baptist Church, Daleville, Ala., with Rev. C. A. Hammond Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Hammond Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Hammond Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Hammond Jr. officiating.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis V. Coone.

Survivors include one son: Eric (Joanne) Coone, Daleville; one daughter: Carol (Roderick) Faulk, Dothan, Samuel (wife Vikki) Faulk, Montgomery, Ala.; her grandchildren: Craig Faulk, Shea (husband Terry) White; her great-grandchildren: Beverly Cooper and Dustin White; a step-granddaughter: Kristina White; her sisters-in-law: Jean Shute and Margarette Shute; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law: Wamon (wife Lilla) Faulk and Bernice Rice.

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In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Wiregrass Hospice of Enterprise or to the Elba United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband: Edward Foy Spurlin; her son: Dick Spurlin; and her grandson: Rick Spurlin, all of Elba.

LOUISE COONE Ms. Louise Coone, age 73, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006, at her home.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 22, 2006 at Shady Grove Baptist Church, Daleville, Ala., with Rev. C. A. Hammond Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Hammond Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Hammond Jr. officiating.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis V. Coone.

Survivors include one son: Eric (Joanne) Coone, Daleville; one daughter: Carol (Roderick) Faulk, Dothan, Samuel (wife Vikki) Faulk, Montgomery, Ala.; her grandchildren: Craig Faulk, Shea (husband Terry) White; her great-grandchildren: Beverly Cooper and Dustin White; a step-granddaughter: Kristina White; her sisters-in-law: Jean Shute and Margarette Shute; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law: Wamon (wife Lilla) Faulk and Bernice Rice.

MACK DANIEL WATSON - Mr. Mack Daniel Watson, age 6, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Aug. 28, 2006 at Elba General Hospital in Elba, Ala.

Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel

on Friday, Sept. 1, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Hubert McWaters officiating. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday, Aug. 31, from 6-8 p.m.

Mr. Watson was preceded in death by his mother, Ollie Watson; father, John Daniel Watson; and sister, Carolyn Corder.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Diane Watson of Elba and several nieces & nephews.

HUBERT D. OWENS - Mr. Hubert D. Owens, age 74, of Jack, Ala., died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006 at his home.

Graveside services were held on Aug. 29, 2006 at Wise Mill Assembly of God Church Cemetery, Jack, with Rev. Kenneth Haglar officiating and Skeen Funeral Home, Troy, directing.

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Co-Op Spotlight

by Tierney Starks



This week's Co-op Spotlight is **Kayla Sha'nise Jones**.

Kayla is the 16-year-old granddaughter of Mary Jones. She works for Kelley Foods where she is a secretary's assistant. She has been working at Kelley's for three weeks.

Kayla said she is really enjoying working there. Her future plans are to attend college where she plans to major in medicine.

When asked to describe herself in one word, she described herself as being **CRAZY**.

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Elba Tigers vs. Brantley Bulldogs (there)
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School nurse Starla Amison teaches students the proper way to sneeze using the elbow rather than the hand.

School nurse uses glittering germs during hygiene lesson

by Melanie Mularz

What's the proper way to sneeze? The students in Debbie Rhoades' class at Elba Elementary School know. They had an entire lesson about it.

Everyone knows the old way, sneezing into your hands. The rules have changed.

The school's new nurse, Starla Amison, conducted a class called "Glittering Germs." She introduced the new protocol for sneezing.

Instead of covering the mouth and nose with hands, a person should cough or sneeze into their elbow. Nurse Amison demonstrated to the students how germs spread by sneezing into her hands and blowing "glitter germs" everywhere. She then shook other people's hands and transferred the germs.

Now, when someone asks, these students will be able to explain how to keep germs from spreading. They also will be able to remind other to, "sneeze into your elbow, not your hand!"

Class representatives elected to EHS Student Council

by Sydney Brunson

A new school year has begun, and many of Elba High's clubs and organizations are already up and running.

One of the schools most important organizations, the Student Council, held elections for class representatives. Students who were interested in serving on Student Council had the opportunity to sign up earlier in the month.

The final decision was made by their fellow students' votes. This year's representatives are:
7th Grade - Thomas Cole, Karizmah Yelverton, Chase Sauls, Dylan McCollough and Nick McLaughlin;

8th Grade - Molly McGuire, Bethany Wilson, Lindsay Carney, William Petty and Jantzen Flowers;

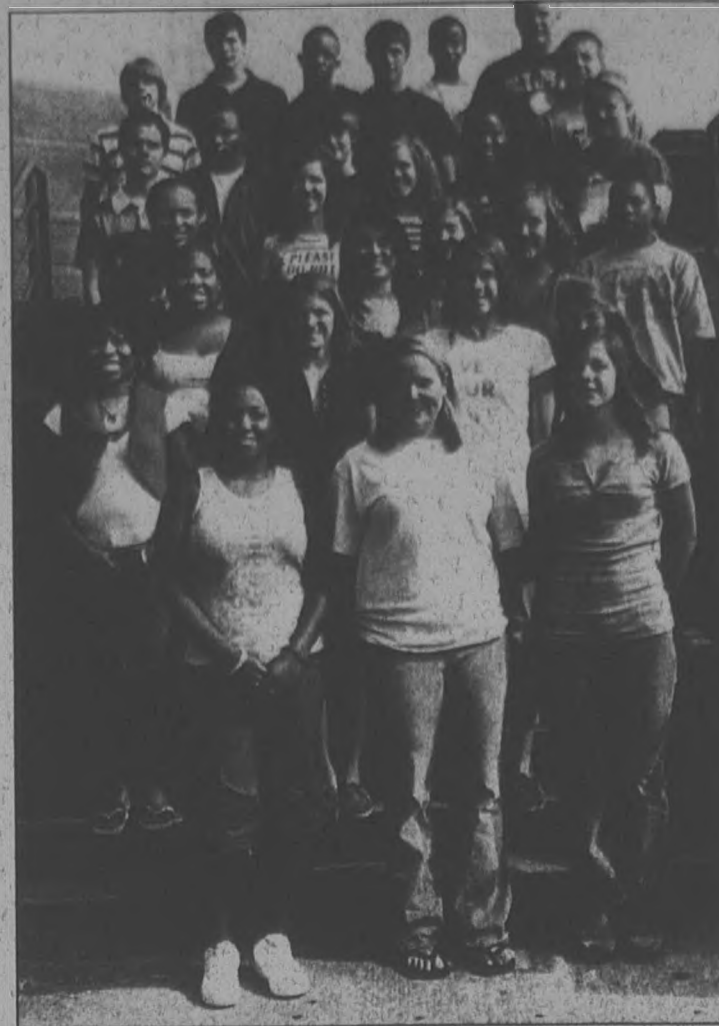
9th Grade - Kayla Rials, Keri Jones, Justin McLaughlin, Donnell Horstead and Keith Rodgers;

10th Grade - Kyni Coleman, Richeanna Singletary, Shelby Brunson, Meredith Brunson and Morgan Anderson;

11th Grade - Ashton Rodriguez, Don Rhoades, Britany Phillips, Justin Hammonds and Bobby Hudson.

12th Grade - Sydney Brunson, Justin Williams, Lauren McClung, Stephen Rodgers and Christina Bryant. These students will participate in the many activities of the student council, as well as, be a voice for the opinions of their fellow students.

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Elba High School Student Council officers and representatives



THE 2006-07 SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS (by Clara Burrows). Members of the Class of 2007 recently elected class officers for their final year as students at Elba High School. Four young ladies were chosen to lead the class. They are (left to right): Christina Bryant, secretary; Shai Yelverton, vice president; Brianna Bailey, president; and Clara Burrows, treasurer.

Elba Elementary PTO asks for clippings from Box Tops for Education

Elba Elementary School has started a brand new year, and once again the PTO is asking for parents, grandparents, kids, family and friends to clip Box Tops for Education.

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Last year, Red Bird Mission School located in rural Kentucky earned \$21,361 with an enrollment of about 250 students. That's an average of 855 Box Tops per student!!



by Ashton Rodriguez



This week's Journalism Spotlight is **Sydney Brunson**. Sydney is the 17-year-old daughter of Bill and Rhonda Brunson. She is actively involved in the EHS Marching Tiger Band as the Jr. Drum Major, Sr. Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, EHS Ambassadors and Student Council Representative. Sydney's hobbies are playing the guitar, reading and playing water sports at the lake. Her future plans are to attend college and major in a currently unknown field.

When asked how she would describe herself she said, "I love to find humor in every day life."

SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Now that volleyball has started and football season has kicked off, the kitchen at the Mularz house has become just a place we pass on the way to the wash room. The volleyball team plays at least two days a week and on most weekends, while junior high football plays one night a week and the varsity plays on every Friday for a few months. Oh well, at least we will have fewer dirty dishes to wash!

ELBA TIGERS SEE MILLER WINNING STREAK SNAPPED

The Elba Tigers hosted the Geneva County Bulldogs last week in the sixth annual Foggy Bottom Classic, at Miller Memorial Stadium, and saw their five game winning streak in the preseason classic snapped as the Bulldogs stunned the Tigers and left town with an 18-7 win. Elba got off to a slow start in the game on both offense and defense, and while the offense did have some success moving the chains, it failed to put points on the scoreboard and watched as the defense allowed Geneva County to race out to an 18-0 lead. The Tigers did begin to dominate play late in the three-quarter contest and avoided a shut-out, but the damage had already been done and the Tigers and their coaches left the field with their heads down after the disappointing loss. While there were few silver linings to be found on the cloudy night at Foggy Bottom, it was obvious the Elba players were in excellent condition and it showed late in the game when they took charge on both sides of the ball. While everyone associated with the Elba Tiger football family hated to lose, the game only counted in the record column and when the Tigers take the field this week their record will be 0-0. The preseason game was held as a fund-raiser and as a means of giving the coaches a chance to see their players in action before the regular season starts. The loss hurt. However, the game served its purpose in many ways and you can bet this week in practice the coaches had an easier time getting the players attention.

TEAMS ENJOY MIXED RESULTS IN PRESEASON PLAY

The final Friday before the start of the high school football season was a busy one for area teams as all the teams hit the field for preseason games again teams not on their regular season schedules. While the games didn't count on anybody's records, they did give the fans an opportunity to see their teams in action. Here is what they saw....

*** New Brockton - The Gamecocks hosted the Arton Purple Cats and gave their fans plenty to cheer about as they rolled to an impressive win. The Gamecocks have been a consistent winner in the 2A ranks for years and were expected to be a playoff contender again this season, and from what the fans saw Friday night many more wins should be on the way.

*** Zion Chapel - The Rebels made the ride over to Barbour County for what many fans thought would be an easy win over the Jaguars. However, the hometown team had a surprise waiting for the Rebels and rolled to a big two-touchdown win. Zion Chapel has the players and pride to be big winners and will bounce back quickly from the preseason loss, but the loss had to serve as a wake-up call for the men from Jack.

*** Kinston - The Bulldogs competed in a multi-team affair and looked better than many expected on both sides of the ball. Kinston has never been known as a football town, but the Bulldogs have made big strides in recent years and this could be the year the Bulldogs take that next step and get back into the playoffs. This could be a fun year to be a Kinston football fan.

*** Brantley - The Bulldogs made it look easy in a big 51-0 win over 4A Hillcrest, of Evergreen, and the score could have been even more lopsided if Brantley would have left in its starters. While the score may indicate a 1A power is alive and well in Brantley, the Bulldogs do have a few questions marks that must be answered if they are indeed to make a return trip to Birmingham. As for the Bulldogs' regular season foes - watch out!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba High volleyball team competed in the Kinston Trip-Off Tournament last weekend and claimed one win in three matches to move their season record to 1-4. The Lady Tigers have a very young team and a first year head coach, and while they may struggle at times as the season progresses, the girls should improve and be a team to keep an eye on before the post-season tips off.

*** The Kinston Lady Bulldogs won their season tip off, and appear to be loaded and ready to compete for a state title. Kinston has a deadly combination of quickness and size on the court, and the girls very rarely make mental mistakes. If Kinston can stay focused and improve as the season rolls along they may very well hang another banner in the gym before the school year ends.

*** I guess my positive remarks about the Atlanta Braves were the kiss of death since the Braves have faltered ever since and are

now slipping fast in the wild card standings. Atlanta has allowed its farm system to feed it's Major League franchise for years, and the formula has enjoyed years of success. However, this season the Braves got caught with too many youngsters and have had to endure the growing pains. While many of the Braves fans are in a state of shock, the season may actually pay dividends down the road, especially if the Atlanta front office is smart enough to realize what happened.

*** The youth football season is just a week away and the Elba teams are ready to hit the field in hopes of making a trip to the Super Bowl. All three teams have a good number of players and good coaches, and the expectations are high for all three teams to post winning records. This season the teams will wear all black uniforms and helmets that have the Elba logo on the side. So, maybe the changes will pump new life into the players and give them a little extra excitement.

*** The preseason games at Cramton Bowl didn't live up to their hype as Hoover and Clay County rolled to lopsided wins. UMS Wright was simply no match for the 6A Bucs and suffered a couple of injuries that could hurt the team throughout the season, while Addison was nothing more than a shell of the team that won the 1A title and barely put up a fight. The idea was good, but the format of using the champs from the previous years won't work.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR BACK TO PICK THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by over the weekend and was still shaking his head over the play of some of the area teams in preseason games played last week. The local guesstert was more than a little surprised with Elba losing to Geneva County and Zion Chapel falling to Barbour County, but refused to put much emphasis on either game and stated he felt both teams were much better than they looked. He also complained about having to make predictions early in the season, as always, and tossed this week's picks on the desk. Here they are....

ELBA VS. BRANTLEY

The Pea River felines lost a little fur last week in a preseason loss down by the river and this week will head up the road to tangle with a bunch of Bulldogs that are determined to get revenge for a loss to the felines a year ago. The 'Dogs from Front Porch City barked loud last week in an easy win over a 4A victim, and unfortunately for the felines, these Dogs bark is nowhere nearly as bad as its bite. Ouch! **BRANTLEY 32 ELBA 0**



Kickoff set for 7:00 PM

Elba Tigers open season Friday night on the road against top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs

gets to the football," said Coach Rials. "They have the players up front to stuff the run, and enough speed in the secondary to pick off any pass that misses its target. Corey Lathan is their nose-guard and he is what makes their defense go. He is very quick and aggressive and is the heart and soul of their defensive team. Brantley may be better on defense than it is on offense, and that is saying something!"

The 3A Tigers are coming off a 5-6 record a year ago and dropped an 18-7 decision to Geneva County last week in preseason action, while the Bulldogs enter the season ranked #1 in Class 1A and defeated Hillcrest 51-0 last week.

"Brantley has one of the finest football teams in the state regardless of classification and we know we will have our hands full Friday night," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "Last season we had enough team speed to stay with them and pulled off a big win, but this year they have everybody back and are improved in just about every area. I guarantee you they will be looking forward to getting back on the field with us Friday night on their home field."

"Brantley did lose its quarter-back to graduation and it may take a while for his replacement to get settled in," added Rials. "but he passed for over 100 yards last week and has so much talent around him he doesn't have to carry the load. They have three of the best backs around returning in Chris Booker, James Pittman and Jeffery Daniels, and last week had a youngster (Anthony Gully) step in and have a big night at running back and as a backup quarterback. Brantley has a strong, well disciplined offensive line that knows it only has to give its backs a crack to run through, and they do a good job. Brantley scored over fifty points last week against a solid 4A football team and could have scored a lot more. They have an offensive line that can score a lot of points and I'm sure they will be looking to light it up against us."

"Over on defense Brantley is quick and aggressive and really

ZION CHAPEL VS. NEW BROCKTON

Two old county rivals will renew their hostilities Friday night up in Jack and word from the Rebel camp is they have an ambush planned and expect to have a barbecue later that night with chicken as the main course. While the folks over at Brockton are also fond of fowl, they like theirs to be tough and love the kind that know how to use their spurs. This early-season match-up may be the best around and should be one to watch.

NEW BROCKTON 18 ZION CHAPEL 16

KINSTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The Bulldogs from down near the county line will head over to Hartford Friday night for a dogfight and may have their hands full with a revived litter of pups that last week went up to Elba and posted a big win. The orange and blue 'Dogs will be ready and willing when they kick it off. However, the hometown 'Dogs will have the home pen advantage and that could be the difference.

GENEVA COUNTY 27 KINSTON 7

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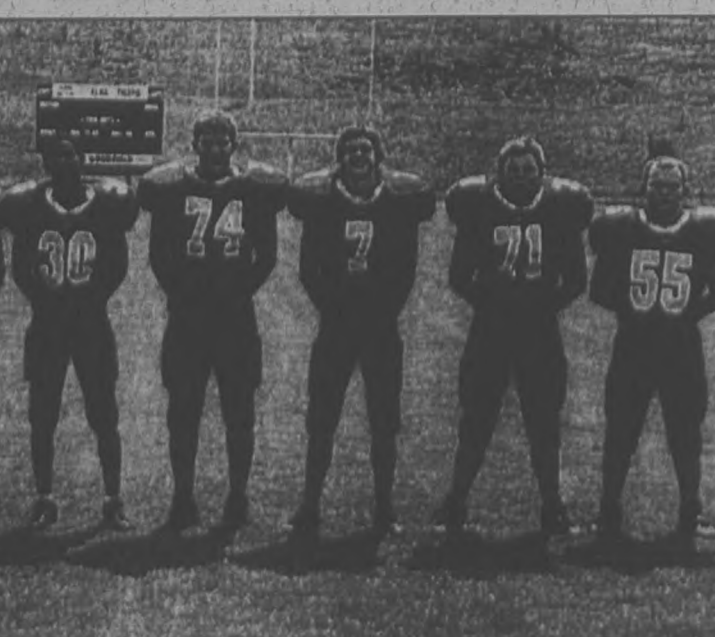
last week in the way we played and about losing," added Rials. "but we don't have time to sit around and feel sorry for ourselves and make excuses. This week the season starts for real and this one counts. Brantley will be as good as any team we play all season and they will be fired up. It will take our best effort on both sides of the football to have a chance. However, we are going up with plans to play our best and if we do that we will see what happens."

"We were all disappointed

Kickoff is set for 7:00 PM.



ELBA TIGER COACHING STAFF - (L-R) Tim Brown, Wain Grimes, Rudy Free, Glen Johnson, Mickey Jacobs, (Kneeling) head coach Scott Rials.



ELBA TIGER SENIORS... for the 2006 football season include (l-r) Ryan McCollough, Nick Nelson, Frank Morris, Chase Boutwell, Jacob Forbes, Cory Miller and Wade Kindred.

SPORTS

In preseason action

Brantley Bulldogs bulldoze Hillcrest 51-0

Story and photos by Greg Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs and Hillcrest Jaguars played a preseason football game Friday night in Brantley and the Bulldogs showed a hard-hitting speedy defense and an explosive offense to claim a big 51-0 victory.

The Bulldogs scored four rushing touchdowns, two passing touchdowns and two more touchdowns on pass interceptions with a total of six different players reaching the endzone.

Chris Booker got the game off to a fast start by gaining 37 yards on the first play from scrimmage, while James Pittman took a handoff on the second play and raced 29 yards off left tackle into the endzone. Marcus Owens added the extra-point and with only 31 seconds gone into the game Brantley was already ahead 7-0.

Two series later Booker again broke loose and this time sprinted 51 yards to the Hillcrest 30-yardline. On the next snap Anthony Gulley took the ball and went around the right end 30 yards for a Bulldog score. The extra-point failed to add to the lead, but with 5:19 remaining in the first quarter the Bulldogs were on their way with a 13-0 lead.

Justin Wright recovered a Hillcrest fumble on the ensuing kickoff to set the Bulldogs up at the Jaguar 36-yardline, and on the sixth play of the possession Jonathan Helms connected with Thad Frazier on a 14-yard touchdown pass. The extra-point failed, and with 2:58 still left in the first quarter Brantley's lead stood at 19-0.

Brantley wasted little time on its next offensive series as the Bulldogs marched 71 yards in only five plays to get back into the endzone. The score, which stood at 25-0, remained when Austin Bryant broke loose and raced 78 yards for a touchdown. Marcus Owens, tackled on the extra-point, to, up the

Brantley lead to 26-0 with 11:51 remaining in the second quarter.

Hillcrest picked up its initial first down of the game on its next possession and reached the Brantley 48-yardline. The Jaguars decided to go to the air-ways after crossing midfield, but saw the plan backfire as Brantley's Jon Tyson picked off the pass at the Bulldog 28-yardline, found a wall of blockers down the left sidelines and returned the interception 72 yards for a touchdown. A bad snap foiled the extra-point try, but it made little difference as the Bulldogs owned a 32-0 lead with 9:18 remaining in the quarter.

The Brantley defense came up with a big stop on Hillcrest's next possession and handed the ball back to the Bulldog offense at the Jags 45-yardline. Four plays later Anthony Gulley dropped back and hit Thad Frazier in the flats for what appeared to be a short gain. However, Frazier had other thoughts as he dodged a tackler near the sidelines and rambled 35 yards for another Bulldog touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but as the teams headed back up the field Brantley was in complete command with a 38-0 lead with 7:05 remaining in the second quarter.

The Bulldog defense claimed one more take away before the half on a pass interception by Landon Morgan, and at the half the outcome was not in doubt as Brantley went in with a 38-0 advantage.

Brantley began the second half on defense, but got the ball right back and went on a 65-yard drive that took only five plays and resulted in the Bulldogs' sixth touchdown of the game. The score came on a 47-yard gallop by Chris Booker, and after another missed p.a.t. the Bulldogs lead was at 44-0 with 5:00 remaining in the stanza.

On the game's next snap Brantley's Landon Morgan intercepted a Jaguar pass and raced 30 yards into the endzone for another Bulldog touchdown.

Owens booted the extra-point and the scoring was over for the night with Brantley on top 51-0. Chris Booker gained 147 yards on 9 carries to lead the Brantley offense, while Anthony Gulley added 67 yards on only 4 carries and James Pittman gained 50 yards on 4 totes, Thad Frazier led the Brantley

STATISTICS			
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1st Downs	19	5	
Rushes-Yds.	25-291	23-54	
Passing Yds.	169	23	
Total Offense	460	77	
Passes	9-16-0	2-13-4	
Return Yds.	157	138	
Fumbles Lost	1	1	
Penalties-Yds.	4-62	3-21	
Punts-Ave.	1-15	6-30	



Brantley's James Pittman (5) looks for room to run after taking a handoff in last week's big 51-0 preseason win over Hillcrest, of Evergreen.



OFF AND RUNNING... is Brantley Bulldog speedster Chris Booker (25) in action last week in the Bulldogs' 51-0 preseason win over Hillcrest, of Evergreen. The Bulldogs will host the Elba Tigers Friday night to open the regular season.

New Brockton tames Purple Cats in preseason prep football action

Story and pictures by Michael Jenkins

VARSITY

The New Brockton Gamecocks and Arion Purple Cats got together Friday night for a preseason football game that was really three games in one, and while the fans kept up with the score, the coaches and players came out the winners as both teams got the chance to see every player on both rosters in game situations.

The first half was a contest between the varsity squads of the two teams and New Brockton came out on top 13-8. Arion's offense had a touchdown nullified early in the first quarter by a penalty flag, but the Purple Cat defense got on the scoreboard with \$740 remaining in the quarter when the Gamecocks' Sheridan Foster was tackled in the endzone for a safety to give the "Cats a 2-0 lead.

New Brockton began a possession at its own 24-yardline late in the opening quarter and this time saw its offense come to life as the Gamecocks drove 76 yards to get on the scoreboard. Jr. Magwood got the score on a 7-yard run, and Nathan Foster booted the extra-point to give the Gamecocks a 7-2 lead with 11:24 left in the second quarter.

The New Brockton defense came up with a big stand deep in Gamecock territory on the game's following possession, and the defensive stop sparked the offense as New Brockton drove 89 yards to increase its lead. The touchdown came on a 15-yard pass from Foster to Magwood, and although the extra-point failed, the Gamecocks' lead was up to 13-2 with 1:55 remaining in the quarter.

The Purple Cats had to battle the Gamecock defense and the clock on their next possession, but did just that as they scored with 2:25 remaining to make the final score New Brockton 13 Arion 8.

"We did a lot of good things tonight," stated Coach Dirk Strunk, "but we still have a long way to go. We have to work on our blocks and missed tackles. We did have two big fourth down stops on the goal line and that was real big."

VARSITY RESERVES

The New Brockton reserves opened the third quarter on offense at its own 30-yardline and wasted little time getting on the scoreboard. A 57-yard pass from Tevin McNair to Devon Muhammad moved the Gamecocks into the red zone, and McNair returned to the air and this time connected with Dominique Muhammad for an 8-yard touchdown pass. Josh Pines booted the extra-point and with 10:25 remaining in the third quarter the Gamecocks were already on top 7-0. Arion drove 70 yards on its

initial possession of the quarter and converted a two-point conversion to grab an 8-7 lead with 7:38 left in the quarter, then took advantage of a New Brockton fumble to add a second score as the Purple Cats claimed the win 16-7.

JUNIOR HIGH

The New Brockton Junior High Gamecocks hit the field for the final quarter of play and was impressive as they rolled to a 14-0 win.

The first Gamecock score came early in the quarter on a 70-yard pass from Hunter Cauley to Justin Griswold, while the second score came with 2:42 remaining when Austin Bryant broke loose and raced 78 yards for a touchdown. Marcus Owens, tackled on the extra-point, to, up the



New Brockton Gamecocks listen to Coach Dirk Strunk after big win over Arion last week in a preseason football game held at Gamecock Stadium. The Gamecocks will travel to Zion Chapel Friday night to open the regular season.

Elba Elementary School Menu

September 4-8, 2006

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Labor Day Holiday	Monday - Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday - Pancakes/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Pizza, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn on Cob, Applesauce, Milk
Wednesday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chicken Nuggets, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll, Sliced Peas, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit/Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Bread, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Barbeque Sandwich, Baked Beans, Rice, Banana, Milk

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SPORTS

Kinston Bulldogs are impressive in preseason prep football action at four-team jamboree

Story by Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Wicksburg Friday night for a football jamboree, joining the hometown Panthers in a battle against the Goshen Eagles and the Providence Christian Eagles. Although the final score matters little in these preseason contests, it gives the coaches, players, and fans a glimpse of what type of season lies ahead.

The offense moved the ball and committed only one last-second turnover, while the defense all but shutdown both opponents. Coach Larry Cotney echoed the comments heard from the fans, "We saw what we came here wanting to see."

Goshen began the game on offense and gained two first downs against the Panther defense before being forced to punt. Kinston's offense came on the field to replace Wicksburg's defense, but could not move the chains against Goshen.

Providence Christian then relieved Goshen, and the Eagles covered 53 yards in 5 plays to score against the Panthers.

The Bulldog offense moved downfield against the Providence Christian defense. Eric Odom and Jonathon Edwards led the ground attack, while John Moss pulled in a 1st down pass from Aaron Jacobs. The drive stalled, but the punt was downed at the 11 yard line.

Goshen and Kinston exchanged punts on their next series to force a Providence Christian and Wicksburg rematch. The Eagles again moved the ball downfield against the Panthers and scored on a 6 yard pass into the corner of the end zone.

Kinston again moved the ball well against the Eagles of Providence Christian. Erick Odom and Jonathon Edwards moved the ball into Eagle territory, but a 4th down measurement was short by inches to end the drive. The Panther defense repelled the Eagles from Goshen to give the Bulldog offense one last chance before halftime. Jonathon Edwards broke off a long run and a personal foul gave the Dawgs a 1st down just outside the 20 yard line, but a last second pass was picked by Goshen to end the half.

Wicksburg opened the second half on offense and scored on an 11 play drive against the Goshen defense. The Bulldog defense took the field for their first series of the evening. After allowing an initial Goshen first down across midfield, the Dawgs pounced on the Eagles. Brad Elmore led the pack for a 14 yard sack, and the freeful offense committed 2 penalties to back up further. J.R. Fleming forced another huge sack and the Eagles punted from deep in their own territory.

The Panther offense took the field against the Providence Christian Eagles and scored on a 20 yard pass to tie the game at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Kinston's defense proved just as dominant in its second series, this time against Providence Christian. Erick Odom had a big stop on first down, and the Bulldogs were in the backfield almost as much as the Eagles. On fourth and 15, the Eagles punted.

The Panthers moved deep into Eagle territory against Goshen, but could not score and turned the ball over on downs to bring out the Bulldog defense.

Erick Odom and Garret Moore combined on first down stop for the Dawgs, and Jonathon Golden and Jonathon Edwards paired for another. The only big play against Kinston's defense came on a busted play late in the final quarter. A high snap sailed over the Goshen quarterback and rolled 15 yards downfield before he could scoop it up. With the entire defense barreling down on him, he emerged from the pack and scampered all the way to the 20 yard line before being wrestled down by Aaron Jacobs. The Eagles scored 3 plays later to regain the lead.

The Panther offense came back on the field with just over 2 minutes left in the game and moved out to near midfield, but a deflected pass fell into the hands of Providence Christian to end the drive.

"After the first series, I really liked what I saw," Coach Cotney commented after the game. "The defense looked great."

With hopes for a great season, the Bulldogs hit the road again next week, taking on the Geneva County Bulldogs in Hartford.

Zion Chapel Rebels fall to Barbour County 24-13 in preseason action

The Zion Chapel Rebels traveled to Clayton Friday night to battle the Barbour County Jaguars in a preseason football jamboree and suffered a surprising 24-13 loss in a three quarter contest.

The junior high squads of the two teams played first in the event and battled to a 0-0 tie in one quarter of action. However, the varsity squads lit up the scoreboard when they hit the field as they combined for six touchdowns in three quarters.

The Jaguars and Rebels battled on even terms throughout the opening two stanzas, but Barbour County scored three touchdowns in the final quarter to pull away and got the big win.

Hunter Wise rushed for 90 yards to lead the Zion Chapel offense, while Josh Nelson tossed a 52-yard touchdown pass to Kelsey Roberts. Darius Kennedy and Calvin Fenn combined for 162 yards rushing and both scored one touchdown to spark the Jaguars.

Kinston found itself within one loss of a second place finish in the championship match against Providence Christian after the Lady Eagles claimed two of the first three sets. However, the Lady Bulldogs took command in the final two sets of the best-of-five series and claimed the championship by the final scores.

of 18-25, 26-24, 18-25, 25-9 and 12 Alabama districts.

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sioners who have served at least 16 years in office. The award is given to commemorate the 16th, 20th, 24th, etc. year in office.

The Association of County Commissioners of Alabama is a statewide organization representing county government in Alabama. The activities of the Association are governed by a Board of Directors composed of three officers, past presidents and representatives elected from 12 Alabama districts.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Kenneth N. Grantham, President, Elba Country Club, have made application of the City of Elba for a 032 Club Liquor-Class II 160 Special Retail-more than 30 days on premises consumption at this location, 2600 Taylor Mill Road, Elba, Alabama. A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall at 5:30 p.m., Monday, September 11, 2006.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Michael K. Allen, d/b/a Elba Shell Inc., has made application of the City of Elba for a 050 Retail Beer 070 Retail Table Wine off premises consumption at this location, 632 N. Claxton Ave., Elba, Alabama. A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall at 5:30 p.m., Monday, September 11, 2006.

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15-8.

Kinston posted a 5-0 record during the tournament, with wins over Enterprise 25-10, 25-22; Dothan, 25-19, 25-7; Samson, 25-16, 25-15; Andalusia 25-13, 25-5; and the exciting win over Providence Christian in the finals.

Leading the Lady Bulldogs in the tournament was Kaleigh Sanders with 31 kills, 51 digs and 13 service aces. Heather Marlowe added 68 assists, 29 digs and 17 aces, while Kourtney Pierce had 28 kills and 38 digs. Jesi Johnson added 19 kills and 18 digs; Caitlin Tindell had 11 blocks and 6 aces; and Christie Whigham

added 40 digs.

The Elba Lady Tigers posted a 1-2 record to place third in its pool, while the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks went 0-3 to finish fourth in pool play.

Following are complete tournament scores:

Pool 1

Kinston def. Enterprise 25-10, 25-22.

Enterprise def. Samson 25-15, 25-14.

Kinston def. Dothan 25-19, 25-27.

Dothan def. Samson 25-10, 22-25, 25-18.

Kinston def. Samson 25-16, 25-5.

Dothan def. Enterprise 25-23, 25-20.

Pool 2

Elba def. New Brockton 25-13,

25-22.

Enterprise def. New Brockton 25-13, 25-13.

Providence def. Andalusia 25-18, 25-13.

Andalusia def. Elba 25-16, 25-21.

Providence def. New Brockton 25-9, 25-9.

Seminole

Providence def. Dothan 25-15, 25-27, 25-17.

Kinston def. Andalusia 25-13, 25-5.

Championship

Kinston def. Providence 18-25, 26-24, 18-25, 25-9, 15-8.



Kinston Lady Bulldog volleyball players go high to block a shot in action last week at the Kinston Set-Off Tournament. The Lady Bulldogs went 5-0 in the event to keep the championship at home. (Photo by Mike Cupps)

SPORTS



Elba's Clint Bradshaw (65) closes in to make a stop on a Geneva County runner during action Friday night in the Foggy Bottom Classic. The Tigers saw a five-game winning streak snapped in the pre-season classic with an 18-7 loss to the Bulldogs.



Elba defensive back Trey Belcher (24) sends a Geneva County receiver flying after making a big hit in action Friday night at the Foggy Bottom Classic. The Tigers fell to the Bulldogs 18-7 in the annual preseason game played at Miller Memorial Stadium.

Elba Tigers fall to Geneva County 18-7 in Foggy Bottom Classic

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers saw their five game winning streak end at Miller Stadium's Foggy Bottom Classic when they were surprised by the Geneva County Bulldogs 18-7.

Geneva County came ready to play in the preseason event and stunned the Tigers by scoring twice in the second quarter to grab a 12-0 lead.

The Bulldogs scored on the final play of the third quarter to up its lead to 18-0 and appeared to be in complete command. However, the Tigers came to life late and battled until the final horn to keep their fans on their feet!

The Tigers scored late in the third quarter, on a 1-yard run by Dakell Berry and Jacob Forbes added the extra-point to cut the deficit to 18-7.

The Elba defense stopped the Bulldogs cold on their ensuing possession and got the ball back with hopes of a miracle rally.

The rally appeared alive when Gavin Repress fired a 30-yard strike to Frank Morris for an apparent touchdown. However, the touchdown was wiped out by a penalty flag against the Tigers and Elba was forced to settle for the 18-7 setback.

"We have a very young team and we looked like a very young team early in the game," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "We weren't ready to play mentally when the game started and it showed as we let Geneva County take a big lead. We had a couple of turnovers and a couple of penalties that hurt us, but mostly we just weren't ready to play."

"I do think that once we settled in we played really well on both offense and defense," added Rials. "We didn't prepare for the game as we would a regular season game and looking back I think we may have worked the team too hard the days leading into the game. We didn't have



Elba Tiger wide-receiver Frank Morris (30) pulls in a pass for a big gain and keeps a foot in-bounds. Elba will travel to Brantley Friday night to battle the top-ranked Brantley Bulldogs in the regular season opener for both teams.



Elba Tiger runner Carlos Matias (12) fights for extra yardage in action last week against Geneva County in preseason football.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (continued from Page 3)

invitation to your readers who reside in Elba, New Brockton, Jack, Kinston, Ino, Zion Chapel, Curtis, Pine Level and other areas of Coffee County to become members of PRHGS. Membership is only \$20.00 per year and guarantees you free access to our genealogical library and website...plus you will receive the Pea River Trails publication.

Residents of the Elba area may obtain applications at the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Elba Public Library. Other residents of Coffee County may telephone the PRHGS library at 393-2901 between 10 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. One of our volunteers will be happy to take your name and address and send you a membership application. For more information and/or a membership application, you may also contact me at 347-7831 or jpoden@adelphia.net.

Thanks for your support.
Sincerely,
Jack P. Oden, President
Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society

Dear Editor:

I don't think anyone would disagree that our military personnel and their families deserve the very best health care possible, especially at a time when so many are in harm's way as they serve our country overseas.

However, the U.S. House and Senate are now considering a bill that would force many U.S. military families to get their prescription medications not at their trusted local pharmacy, but through mail order drug warehouses.

The TRICARE provisions of the Defense Authorization Act must be hammered out by a U.S. House-Senate conference after different versions of the bill passed in each chamber. TRICARE is the name of the Department of Defense (DOD) managed health care program for active duty military, active duty service families, military retirees, and their families, and covers more than 9.2 million persons worldwide including Ft. Rucker.

The Senate version of the bill would require all TRICARE ben-

eficiaries to obtain refills of "maintenance medications," such as most medicine to treat high cholesterol, heart conditions, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and many other illnesses, through the mail. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that 65 percent of prescriptions could be classified as maintenance medications. Other estimates put the figure as high as 80 percent.

The House version of the bill also penalizes patients who prefer to fill their prescriptions locally by charging military families more for both generic and brand drugs at a community pharmacy while eliminating the copay entirely for prescriptions purchased through mail order drug warehouses—usually owned and operated out of state.

There is a solution which would save DOD millions of dollars per year AND preserve beneficiaries' choice. DOD, according to its own testimony, could save approximately \$251 million per year if drug manufacturers extended the same discount pricing to community pharmacy that they now offer only in military treatment facilities and through the TRICARE mail order program.

When given the choice, consumers overwhelmingly prefer to visit their local pharmacy where they have face-to-face contact with their pharmacist. I want to continue to serve all of my patients, including our nation's military and their families.

I urge Congress to allow me to do so.

Sincerely,
Brett Bryan
Enterprise, AL 36330

ELBA LADY TIGERS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 31

Elba at New Brockton (JR-JV-V) 4:00

Tuesday, Sept. 5

Elba at Pike County (V) 4:00

Thursday, Sept. 7

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